

RUSSELL BEMENT

CRUSHED BY HORSE

June 12/1901

FRACTIOUS ANIMAL COLLIDED WITH INTER-URBAN CAR—

KILLED THE RIDER

A SHOCKING ACCIDENT TODAY

VICTIM A PROMINENT YOUNG MAN
IN BUSINESS AND SOCIAL
CIRCLES HERE

FAMILY AND FRIENDS STUNNED

Never Regained Consciousness After
The Accident and Soon Died in a
Physician's Office to Where
He Had Been Carried.

Russell Bement, aged 26, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bement, was crushed and nearly instantly killed by an interurban car while riding a spirited horse at Twenty-fourth and Main street about 7 o'clock this morning. The horse shied in front of the car and in the collision the rider was crushed under the animal. He was brought to the city in the car and was taken to Dr. W. O. Jenkins' office at Seventh and Main street where he died about a half hour later without ever having regained consciousness.

The Bement family has been staying at their summer home at Glen station and the men came into the city every day to their business. Russell started out today and had reached Twenty-fourth street when Brazil car No. 103, in charge of Motorman Frank A. Hiatt and Conductor John Kizer came up behind him. The horse he was riding was young and spirited but Mr. Bement was accounted one of the best horsemen in the city and would doubtless have kept control of the animal had not the saddle slipped and turned with him.

The horse darted sideways when the car was about 40 feet distant and jumped directly across the car track. Mr. Bement was clinging to the side of the animal and trying to regain his balance when the car struck him. Both horse and rider were flung to the left of the track. Motorman Hiatt had applied the emergency brake as soon as the horse began to balk but the car was too close. He stopped and ran nearly 100 feet before the scene of the accident. The car then at once ran back to the spot and Conductor Kizer and several of the passengers carried the unfortunate young man into the baggage room of the car. He was immediately started for the city. At Eighth and Wabash avenue the car went into Bement, Rea & Co.'s dressmaking house, but none of the family were there and the car was run to Seventh and the injured man carried to Dr. Jenkins' office. Everything possible was done for him, but he never regained consciousness. He died at 7:56 o'clock. The

in immediately on his wheel. He was with him when he died.

Dr. Stunkard went to the farm and informed the family of the tragedy and brought Mr. and Mrs. Bement to the city. Mrs. Bement was not told of her son's death until after their arrival at their city home, at 624 Ohio street. Both parents were prostrated by the shock and are under the attention of Dr. Stunkard.

Russell Bement was born in Terre Haute 26 years ago last April and had lived here all his life. He was educated at Andover, Mass., and was a graduate of Yale class of '97.

Mr. Bement was engaged to Miss Mildred Burt the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McKeen, and the marriage was to have taken place the latter part of October of this year. Miss Burt was notified of the accident and went immediately to the Bement house and has been with Mrs. Bement since this morning.

Story of Eye Witness.

Albert Spinks, a colored man living at 417 North Fourth street was on the car at the time of the accident and gave the following account to a Tribune reporter: "We left Brazil at 6 o'clock and it must have been nearly seven when we reached the Rose Orphan's home. We saw Mr. Bement riding west on the north side of the track and his horse was rearing and bucking. We all got up on our feet and were looking at the horse. It seemed as though the rider could not manage him. The motorman had slowed down and suddenly the horse whirled and plunged directly at the car like lightning. He struck the front dash board with his head. The force of the collision threw the horse over backwards and Mr. Bement was caught under the horse. The animal rolled over and got up and ran into the fence on the south side of the road. It got tangled in the barbed wire and we left it there. We picked Mr. Bement up and carried him into the baggage department of the car. He was unconscious and his eyes were full of cinders. I wiped them out with my handkerchief and we brought him to Bement & Rea's store where we were told to take him to Dr. Jenkins' office. I assisted in carrying him there and he died in a few minutes after we laid him on the sofa. He never regained consciousness after the horse fell on him. When the horse struck the car, he was thrown in the middle of the south track and the motorman stopped his car immediately. The accident happened so quickly that the car ran past the place where Mr. Bement lay before it was

brought to a stop. The car did not hit Mr. Bement at all, but he was crushed under the horse. It was an awful sight."

Dr. Jenkin's Statement.

Dr. Jenkins said: "Mr. Bement was brought to my office about 7:10 this morning. So far as I could learn he was unconscious when picked up and never rallied from the shock. He was crushed across the abdomen, the pelvic bone being splintered and the bowels lacerated by them. Death was due to internal hemorrhage and shock. He was carried to the city on the car and was brought to my office and died here at 7:56. The body was taken to the Bement home on

when he died having ridden to the city on his wheel as soon as notified of the accident. The family had been staying at the farm for some time."

Motorman Hiatt's Statement.

Frank Hiatt the motorman in charge of the car, has been in the service of the company for more than twelve years and this is his first serious accident. Mr. Hiatt has a record of being one of the most careful men on the line. His statement is as follows: "I was running car 103 west on the Brazil line this morning. At 6:50 I saw Mr. Bement, who was also riding west near Twenty-fourth street about ten feet from the track. When my car was about thirty or forty feet from him, his horse began to buck and run sideways across the track. Mr. Bement seemed to have control of him until the saddle began to turn when he lost his balance and turned with the saddle. I had applied the emergency brake as soon as the horse began to act up but it was too late to stop and the car struck him, throwing both to the south side of the track. I stopped the car about one hundred feet away and ran back to the spot. Conductor Kizer and several of the passengers carried him into the car and we ran directly to the city. We notified them at Bement, Rea's store but none of the family was there. Mr. Bement was carried to Dr. Jenkin's office and we went on our trip. On my return trip to Brazil I stopped at the Bement farm and notified Mr. Bement of the accident."

Conductor Kizer's Statement.

Conductor Kizer said: "I was in the baggage room in the rear of the car and knew nothing of the accident until I felt the jar. I looked and saw the horse getting up. I at once gave the bell and we stopped and backed up and carried him into the baggage room and ran to the city. We notified Bement Rea and Co. and then stopped at Seventh and Main and carried him to Dr. Jenkin's office." Henry Baker, a passenger on the car said: "I saw the horse lunge and fall under the car. The motorman stopped and backed up to the scene of the accident and we carried Mr. Bement into the baggage room of the car. So far as I could see, the accident was no one's fault as the horse seemed to be very wild."

Miss Dora Wunker, another passenger, and a dressmaker at Miss Graul's in the opera house block, said: "I was on the second seat in the car and saw the horse jump toward the car. The young man seemed to fall or lose his balance and the car struck him and the horse and knocked them to the side of the track. He was picked up and carried into the car and we came direct to the city. I got off and came right to work at Seventh and Main and did not see what they did with him."

Horse Not Injured.

The horse that young Bement was riding was not seriously injured and was taken to the farm later by one of the men employed on the place.

Funeral Arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bement are both prostrated by the sudden death of their son and denied themselves to all callers. No definite time has as yet been set for the funeral as the families relatives in the east have not as yet been heard from.

DIED.

REESE—Mrs. Marania, wife Samuel Reese, Saturday morning, June 15, at 5. Funeral services from family residence, 210 South Seventh street, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment at Woodlawn.

GLICK—Abraham, at 4:45 p. m., Sunday June 16, at his late home in Sugar Creek township, five miles west of the city, age 75 years. Funeral at his late residence Tuesday June 18, at 11 o'clock. Interment at Woodlawn cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 1901

RICHARD A. MORRIS

DIED THIS P.M.

WELL KNOWN RESIDENT OF
T. H. EXPIRED THIS
AFTERNOON.

ONCE TREASURER OF VAN

His Daughter is Mrs. B. G. Hudnut—Deceased Was Born in Wales.

Richard A. Morris, one of the best-known residents of Terre Haute, died at 12:30 this afternoon at his residence, 609 Mulberry street, of Bright's disease. His death had been expected by his family and friends, for his condition has been critical for some days.

Mr. Morris was born in Wales 72 years ago. He came to Terre Haute in 1851, the year that the Terre Haute and Indianapolis railroad was built, and was one of the original surveyors on that road. He was afterward a contractor on the road and also served as treasurer of the road for some years and at the expiration of his term retired from active business. He leaves a widow and daughter, Mrs. B. G. Hudnut. His son, Will Morris, died a few years ago.

The funeral will take place Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Morris had a wide acquaintance and in his day was one of the leading citizens of Terre Haute. He was a kind, gentle, honorable man of excellent habits and no one ever knew him but to regard him most highly.

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RUSSELL BEMENT

WAS KILLED TODAY.

6-12-1901

**DREADFUL ACCIDENT TO THE
YOUNGEST SON OF MR. AND
MRS. G. W. BEMENT.**

ACCIDENT AT 24TH STREET

**He Was Riding a Spirited Colt
Into the City From the Bement
Farm at the Time.**

COLT "BUCKED" ON TRACK

**An Interurban Car Struck the Un-
fortunate Young Man and He
Died Half an Hour Later.**

Russell Bement, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bement, met with fatal and shocking injuries at 6:50 o'clock this morning while on his way in from the Bement farm at Glenn, east of the city, where he spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bement.

Mr. Bement left the farm about 6:30 o'clock riding a spirited colt and at Twenty-fourth and Main streets was struck by inter-urban car No. 103, of which Frank Hiatt was motorman and John Keizer was conductor. He came in so early as to avoid the heat of the

later day. Mr. Bement received injuries from which he died a half hour later in Dr. W. O. Jenkins' office near Seventh and Main. He was not conscious from the moment he was struck until he died.

THE CAR STRUCK HIM.

The first accounts of the accident were materially changed when the motorman made his statement. The first reports were that the car had struck the horse but did not strike Mr. Bement and the statement was made that he received his fatal injuries by the horse falling over on him after the collision. Motorman Hiatt told a Gazette reporter at 9:30 o'clock that this was a mistake. He said the car had struck both Mr. Bement and the horse and he believed Mr. Bement received most of the force of the blow.

COLT WAS UNMANAGABLE.

The statement of the motorman and passengers agree in that the colt Mr. Bement was riding was acting very badly at the time of the collision. Miss Dora Wunker, who was passed by Mr. Bement while she was standing waiting for the car in front of her home, says the horse was acting all right at that time, but the sound of the approaching car must have scared the colt and it "bucked" over on the track, using the motorman's expression, resisting all of Mr. Bement's efforts to control the animal. The statement of the motorman would show that in its efforts to get over on the track Mr. Bement was almost thrown off and that at the time of the collision he was holding on to the side of the animal. It is evident that he believed he could control the animal, or he would have jumped, but the thing happened so quickly that it is likely there was not much time to think on that was the best thing to do.

LEFT IN SPLENDID SPIRITS.

Mr. Bement spent the night with his married brother, Bruce Bement, at the Bement farm just this side of Glenn. Bruce Bement said this morning it was the first time he had stayed all night with them for some time. He left in splendid spirits to ride into town. Mr. Bement was picked up from the side of the track more dead than alive, and was brought into the city. He was laid down on a sofa in Dr. Jenkins' office and died in about twenty minutes afterward, being wholly unconscious all the time. He was past all medical assistance.

PELVIS WAS CRUSHED.

Dr. Jenkins stated that the pelvis had been crushed and that the blood came from an internal hemorrhage. The bowels were not only crushed but the bones were also broken in. The body was brought to Dr. Jenkins' office between 7 and 7:15 o'clock.

Motorman Hiatt has been with the Terre Haute Electric company for twelve years, even before the company put in its electric plant and is regarded as a careful man.

PROSTRATED WITH GRIEF.

Bruce Bement was notified over the telephone of the fearful accident that had happened to his brother, who had just a short time before left him in the full possession of manly vigor and he hastened into the city on his wheel. Mr. Bement was almost totally prostrated with grief when he arrived at Dr. Jenkins' office. Mrs. Bement, mother of the unfortunate young man, was prostrated at the news and physicians were summoned to care for her.

WERE CLOSED DOWN.

The Bement and Rea wholesale house was at once closed and George Dickerson telegraphed to Buckeye, Mo., to close the extensive saw mill at that point in which the Bements have an interest. It is only a few weeks since that Russell Bement visited the saw mill with Mr. Dickerson.

The car that did the deadly work left the Terre Haute barns at 5:15 this morning for Brazil and was on its way back when the accident occurred. The motorman and conductor were taken off the car at Seventh and Main at 9 o'clock on the second trip back and made their statements to the stenographer at the office of the Terre Haute Electric company.

MOTORMAN'S STATEMENT.

Motorman Frank A. Hiatt, who is motorman No. 2 in the company's service, told the Gazette writer his version of the accident. He said:

"We left Brazil at 6 a. m. and were due at Third and Main from Brazil at 7 a. m. The accident happened about 6:50 a. m. at Twenty-fourth and Main streets, one block west of the Rose Orphan's Home, at the point where the street opens to the north but there is no opening on the south, just west of the Edgar Dick place. I was coming along at the usual speed at that point. I saw Mr. Bement just a short time before the accident. He was riding a horse, going west in the same direction I was, headed toward town. He was on the north side of the track about ten feet from the track. All of a sudden his horse began to buck and run sideways toward the track and it appeared that Mr. Bement could not control the animal at all.

"I applied the emergency brake, which is the quickest method we have of stopping the car. The animal kept running over on to the track. Mr. Bement by this

time had lost his balance and the saddle turned with him. He was hanging on to the side of the horse when the car struck him and the horse. I thought Mr. Bement got most of the blow of the car, which knocked him off the horse and over on the south side of the track.

"The car was stopped as soon as it was possible for me to do so. I think I stopped the car within a hundred feet of the spot where he was struck. I went back and helped pick him up, along with the conductor and some passengers. He was unconscious and I saw at once that he was badly hurt. We put him on the car and came on in to town, stopping at Seventh and Main, where we carried him to Dr. Jenkins' office. At the time he was struck he was hanging on to the right hand side of the horse. The horse was crosswise on the track when he was struck, his head being to the northwest and its tail to the southeast. After it was struck the horse got up and went over right up against the wire fence. It was bleeding at the nose and seemed to be pretty badly hurt. I saw no blood on the horse's body, however. The accident was unavoidable so far as I was concerned. The horse made every effort to get over on the track and Mr. Bement appeared to lose control altogether."

Mr. Hiatt explained the fact that the injury to Mr. Bement was on his right side by saying that he supposed the horse had twisted around considerably in his "bucking."

CONDUCTOR'S STATEMENT.

Conductor John Keizer, of inter-urban car No. 103, told his story to the Gazette writer as follows:

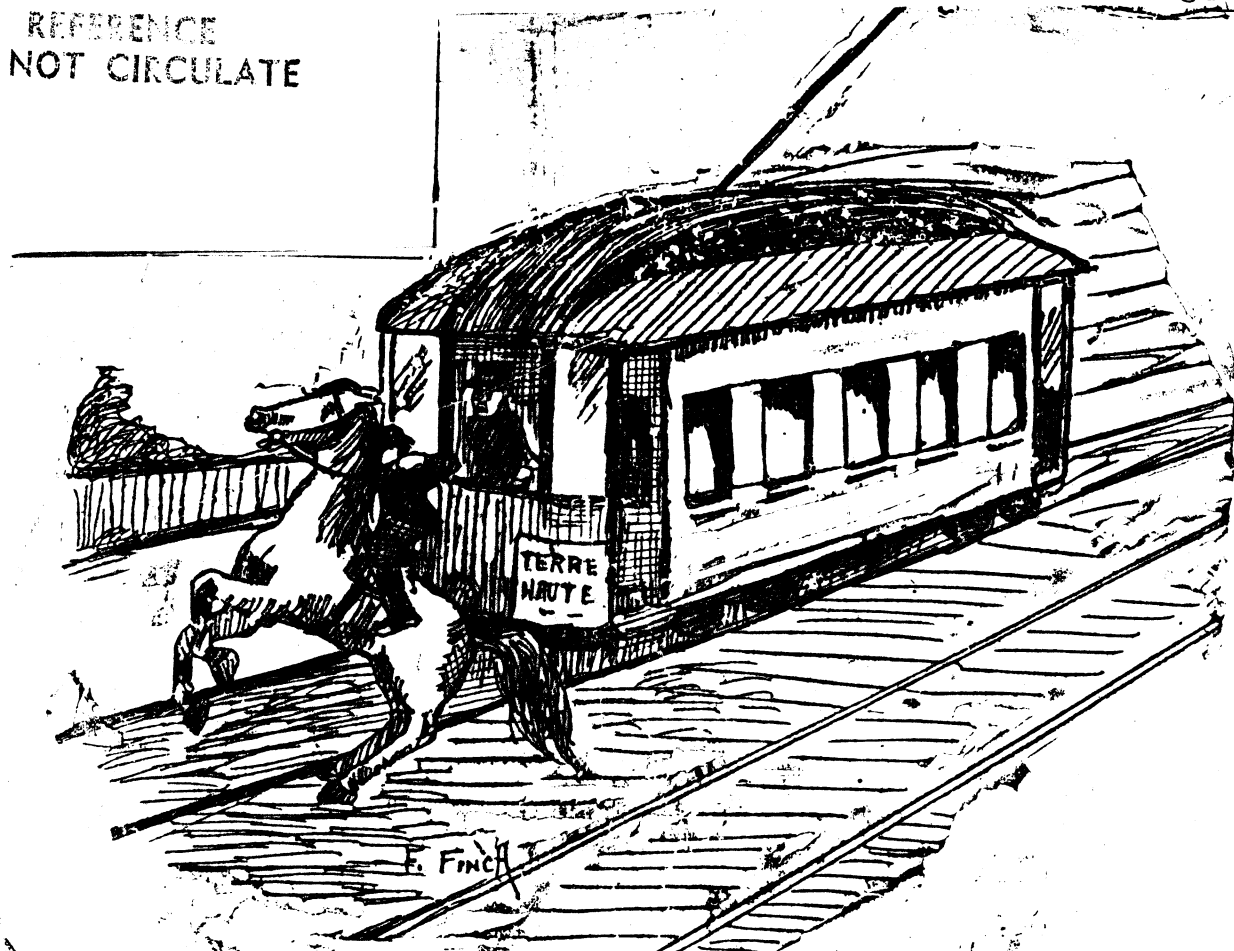
"I was in the back of the car in the baggage room. The first I knew of the accident was when I heard the car strike something. I jerked the bell to stop and we backed up, when I got off. Just as I did so I saw the horse getting up and I saw Mr. Bement lying on the south side of the track in an unconscious condition and apparently badly hurt. I suppose we had twenty passengers on the car at the time and we were running at the usual speed. We picked up Mr. Bement and put him on the car. We stopped at Bement, Rea & Company's store on the

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Bement Family
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HOW THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED—Russell Bement's horse became unmanageable and jumped right in front of the inter-urban car, which was running at a high rate of speed. The motorman says most of the force of the car struck Mr. Bement.



CHARLES RUSSELL BEMENT, who was struck by Inter-urban car at 24th and Wabash avenue at 6:50 a. m. today and who died shortly afterward.

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

MARCH 23 1892

WILL PROBATED.

Bement Family
Full Text of Mrs. Hannah Bement
read's Will. *Genea.*

Many Small Bequests to Friends
Here and Elsewhere.

First—My will is, that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my estate, as soon after my decease as shall be found convenient.

Second—I give, demise and bequeath to a trustee hereinafter named and designated the sum of \$10,000 said amount to be a perpetual fund and to be known and designated as the "Bement Fund" and the interest of which is to be used and expended by the said trustee as follows—towit—First, a reasonable sum from said interest I desire shall be expended annually in the proper care and preservation of the graves on the lot known as the "Law Lot" in the cemetery at New London, in the state of Connecticut, in which are the remains of my deceased brother, Asa B. Bement, and the graves in the Family Burial Lot in the cemetery at Stockbridge in the state of Massachusetts in which are the remains of my deceased father and mother and other members of my family. Secondly—I desire that the residue of the interest arising from the said fund shall be expended by the said trustee for the use, behoof and benefit of such members of my family, nephews and nieces and their heirs whose condition may, at any time, either from sickness, misfortune or other cause require assistance in a pecuniary way, said trustee to invest the said fund only in approved U. S. or state or municipal or railroad securities.

Third—I give, demise and bequeath to my brother, George William Bement, of Terre Haute, my gold watch and to my brother, Charles Russell Bement, of Evansville, my diamond ring, these bequests being intended only by me to convey and express my affectionate regard to my brothers.

Fourth—I give, demise and bequeath to my nephews, Asa Bruce Bement, and Charles Russell Bement, the sons of my brother, G. O. W. Bement, and to my nephew, Geo. W. Bement, and my niece, Mary V. Bement, son and daughter of Charles R. Bement, to each of them the sum of \$500.

The will bequeaths Theodore Curtis \$600 and Egbert Curtis \$400 and to each children as may survive them \$200 each.

The will bequeaths to George Byington, Harry B. Byington and Cora Ruth Byington \$500 each; Miss Lucy B. White, of Curtsville, Mass., \$500; Mrs. Sarah Barbour Graham, of Carbondale, Ill., \$100; Miss Julia C. Harrison, of Indianapolis, \$100; Mrs. David S. Donaldson, of Terre Haute, \$50; Mrs. Mary J. Hoat, of Terre Haute, \$50; Mrs. J. A. Poot, of Terre Haute, \$50; Miss Melissa Dickerson, of Chicago, \$50; Miss Lizzie B. Ross, of Utica, N. Y., \$50; Martha Hager Williams, Terre Haute, \$50; Mrs. Lucy Willis Blackman, Pittsfield, Mass., \$50; Emma Graham, Carbondale Ill., \$50; Mrs. Antoinette Shaw, St. Paul, \$100.

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RUSSELL BEMENT



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DIED.
BEMENT—Charles Russell, aged 26 years.
Funeral services at St. Stephen's Episcopal church, Friday, June 14th at 2 p. m.
Friends kindly omit flowers.

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Fifty dollars is named in the will for the Terre Haute public library "to be used only for the purchase of books of high moral excellence." A like sum is bequeathed to the Stockbridge, Mass. public library.

The will suggests that either of her brothers, George W. Bement, of this city, and C. R. Bement, of Evansville, be appointed trustee and executor.

Bement Family Bible (1855)

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BEMENT

THE

HOLY BIBLE,

CONTAINING THE

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS:

TRANSLATED OUT OF

THE ORIGINAL TONGUES:

AND WITH

**THE FORMER TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY COMPARED
AND REVISED.**

PHILADELPHIA:
LIPPINCOTT, GRAMBO & CO.
1855.

THE NAMES AND ORDER

OF ALL THE

BOOKS OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS,

WITH THE NUMBER OF THEIR CHAPTERS.

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II. Corinthians	13	1335	Titus	3	1382	Jude	1	1417
Galatians	6	1347	Philemon	1	1384	Revelation	22	1419

Births.

George William Bement
Aug^t 13th 1781.

Lavinia Bement
March 24th 1788.

Fanny Bement
March 18th 1808.

Hopewell Ann Bement
June 13th 1810.

Asa Bruce Bement
November 16th 1812.

Ruth Keel Bement
April 6th 1815.

Hannah Widen Bement
December 5th 1817.

Mary Eliza Bement
July 6th 1820.

George William Bement
August 4th 1824.

Charles Russell Bement
March 14th 1828.

Geo. William Bement
March 6th 1858

Mary Tiel Bement
July 28th 186

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Deaths.

George William Bement

Lavinia Bement

Fanny Bement
Curtis.

Hopeful Ann Bement

A. S. W. Bruce Bement.

Ruth Neil Bement.
Byington

Hannah Wilder Bement
March 10th 1892. Mead.

Mary Eliza Bement.
Barner.

Charles Russell Bement,
New York City,
December 11th A. D.
1893.

Charles Russell Bement,
son of George William
and Helen Bement,
entered into Life Eternal
June 12th 1901

George William Bement
entered into rest
December 18 1903.

Helen Brotherton Bement
Aug 10, 1924.

Anna Carlton Bement
March 25th - 1936

Marriages.

New York City

May 25th A.D. 1870
by the

Rev. Francis Lawrence, D.D.

Rector Ch. of Holy Com-
munion,

George William Belmont
and

John Freeman Brothers

Births.

George William Bement
 Born Stockbridge, Mass.
 August 4th, A. D. 1824
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Helen Fernal Bement
 Born December 15th
 A. D. 1837

Asa Bruce Bement
 Born Sept. 16th A. D.
 1873
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Charles Russell Bement
 Born April 16th A. D.
 1875
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Baptism

Dec 19, 1824. George William
 infant of Geo W^m and Maria
 Bement. Extract from
 records of Presbyterian Church
 Stockbridge, Mass.